GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTR
LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION OF COTTAGE INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTR be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated for the development of Village and Cottage Industries in each State during 1999-2000;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to create and improve the export potential for the products of village and cottage industries; and

(c) the cottage industrial products exported from India, product-wise and in quantity and value-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGF RURAL INDUSTRIES

(SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a): The details of funds allocated by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) for the development of Khadi and Village Industries to each State during 1999-2000 is at Annexure-A.

(b): Apart from the normal incentives given by Government to the exporters, the KVIC also provides incentives by way of input subsidy, concessional rate of interest and 5% export subsidy on the Free on Board (FOB) price to the exporting units.

(c): Product-wise, quantity-wise and value-wise information with respect to all cottage industrial products is not maintained centrally. However, export information with respect to some of the commodities for the year 1998-99 are given below:-

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Processed Cereals & Pulses   - Rs.     850.14 lakhs
Handmade Paper Products    - Rs.  1615.00 lakhs
Various Fibre Articles    - Rs.    3.38 lakhs
Natural Honey     - Rs.     747.47 lakhs
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